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| MIKAEL BERLIN, et al. |) Group Art Unit: Unassigned ' |
| Application No.: Unassigned |) Examiner: Unassigned |
| Filed: March 4, 2002 |)) |
| For: A METHOD OF PRODUCING A LAMINATED PACKAGING MATERIAL, AND PACKAGING CONTAINERS PRODUCED FROM THE | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, it is requested that this application be amended as set forth herein.

The applicant requests the entry of certain amendments to the application. The amendments are incorporated in the formatted substitute specification submitted herewith. A copy of the original specification of the International Application as filed, together with a CompareRite® version showing the amendments in the original specification, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (2001), are submitted herewith. No new matter has been introduced in these amendments to the original specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1-18 as follows.